

MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS (MINYERRI) LOCAL AUTHORITY OF THE
ROPER GULF REGIONAL COUNCIL, HELD AT THE ALAWA ABORIGINAL
CORPORATION
ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 11:00 AM

1 PRESENT MEMBERS/STAFF/GUESTS

1.1 Members

- Councillor Patricia FARRELL;
- Councillor Edna ILES (Chairperson);
- Jonathon WALLA; and
- Jones BILLY.

1.2 Staff

- David HURST, Chief Executive Officer;
- Cindy HADDOW, General Manager Corporate Services and Sustainability;
- Luke HADDOW, General Manager Infrastructure Services and Planning;
- Tony HOPP, General Manager Community Services and Engagement;
- Bhumika ADHIKARI, Governance Engagement Coordinator (minute secretary) (via audio/video conference); and
- Daniele PIGA, Governance Coordinator (via audio/video conference).

1.3 Guests

- Mayor Tony JACK (via audio/video conference);
- Sahardi GARLING; A/Senior Regional Project Officer, Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (via audio/video conference); and
- Megan PURSER, Remote Water Team – Engagement Lead Water Services (via audio/video conference).

2 MEETING OPENED

The Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting opened at 11:25 am with **QUORUM**. The Chairperson welcomed members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

3 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Chairperson welcomed all people to Country.

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Re-Election of a Chairperson

HOD Q/2025-10 **RESOLVED (LA Member Jonathon Walla/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- receives and notes the Re-Election of Chairperson report; and
- elects Councillor Edna ILES as Chairperson for a term of twelve (12) months.

4.2 Apologies and Leave of Absence

HOD Q/2025-11 **RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED**

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority accepts the tendered apologies from Beth JOHN, Sonia ROBERTS and Naomi WILFRED.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil.

6 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting.

7 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting Previous Minutes

HOD Q/2025-12 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority confirms the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, 26 May 2025 and affirms them to be a true and accurate record of that meeting's decisions and proceedings.

8 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

8.1 Action List

HOD Q/2025-13 RESOLVED (LA Member Jonathon Walla/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Action List Report; and
- (b) approves the removal of completed items.

9 CALL FOR ITEMS OF OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11 OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

12 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

12.1 Local Authority Member Attendance Report

HOD Q/2025-14 RESOLVED (LA Member Jones Billy/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Local Authority Member Attendance Report.

12.2 Elected Members Report

HOD Q/2025-15 RESOLVED (Councillor Patricia Farrell/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Elected Members Report.

12.3 Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) LA July YTD Finance Report

HOD Q/2025-16 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/Councillor Patricia Farrell) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority receives and notes the Council Financial Report for the period 01 July 2025 to 31 July 2025.

12.4 Hodgson Downs Local Authority Projects Update

HOD Q/2025-17 RESOLVED (LA Member Jonathon Walla/LA Member Jones Billy) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Local Authority Projects Update Report.
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer to write a letter to Chief Executive Officer of ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation and Board Member of ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation in relation to Massacre site project, seeking clarification on responsibility.

12.5 Council Services Report

HOD Q/2025-18 RESOLVED (Councillor Edna Iles/LA Member Jonathon Walla) CARRIED

That the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority:

- (a) receives and notes the Council Services Manager Report.
- (b) requests the Chief Executive Officer and ALAWA Aboriginal Corporation to schedule three (3) months monthly meeting and Council members to meet earliest to discuss future cooperation.

Councillor Patricia FARRELL left the meeting at 12:11 pm,

Meeting turned into **Provisional**.

Megan PURSER from Power and Water advised that their team, along with their partner organisation Indigenous Connection Company, will be visiting the community for an Engagement Meeting within the next few months, most likely in November.

During the discussion, a Local Authority Member raised concerns about water quality. Ms PURSER explained that Minyerri's groundwater contains high levels of iron and magnesium, which over time can cause discolouration in the pipes. Ms. PURSER noted that this requires regular flushing by Power and Water. Megan also highlighted that Power and Water are undertaking significant work in this area, including organising community water discussion forums, where these concerns will be further addressed and left the meeting at 12:20 pm.

13 OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.


14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

15 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 12:21 pm

This page and the preceding pages are the Minutes of the Hodgson Downs (Minyerri) Local Authority Meeting, held on 01 September 2025 and confirmed.



Chairperson

Confirmed on 01 December 2025